(b) whether Government have approved the pay scales of Rs: 12000—18000/-as a non-functional selection grade of Executive Engineer in CPWD; and

(c) if so, the effective date of the above pay scale and number of posts identified presently in the grade of Executive Engineer (Civil) and Executive Engineer (Electrical)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) The pay scales are as under :—

(i)	Director General of Works	: Rs. 26000/- (Fixed).
(ii)	Additional Director General	: Rs. 24050-26000/- and
	of Works	: Rs. 22400-24500
(iii)	Chief Engineer	: Rs. 18400-22400/-
(iv)	Superintending Engineer	: Rs. 14300-18300/-
(v)	Executive Engineer	: Rs. 10000-15200/- & 12000-16500/-
(vi)	Assistant Engineer	: Rs. 6500-10500/-
(vii)	Junior Engineer	: Rs. 5000-8000

(b) The Government has approved non-functional grade of Rs. 12000-16500/- for Executive Engineer in CPWD.

(c) Effective date of implementation of non-functional grade will be applicable only prospectively based on recommendations of DPCs to be constituted for this purpose. Number of posts in the NFSG are limited to 30% of the Senior duty posts in the cadre.

Implementation of poverty aleviation schemes

†2265. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great scope for improvement in implementation of poverty alleviation schemes being run by Government.

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the outcome of these schemes is not satisfactory;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) whether Government have decided to improve the implementation of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (c) As far as the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation is concerned, it has been implementing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme, with effect from 01-12-1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor. Continuous efforts are being made to implement the scheme effectively. Though the utilisation of funds under the scheme was not as per the expectations but as a result of vigorous monitoring, it has since picked up the momentum.

(d) Yes, Sir. On the basis of suggestions made by the States/UTs, Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has since initiated action to suitably modify the SJSRY Guidelines.

News-item "Ill-Conceived Schemes Hamper Anti-Poverty Drive"

2266. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Ill conceived schemes hamper Anti Poverty Drive", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the Ist October, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the schemes were conceived for the purpose of appeal but lacked commitment and purpose in most cases and that desired results could not be acheived; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken to make such schemes completely successful and effective in implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In so far as the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation is concerned, it has been implementing